

III. REMARKS

The non-elected claims 19-30 have been cancelled without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application.

Claims 7 and 14 have been amended to clarify "di-helic", i.e., having two winding directions, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. This is discussed on page 12, at the end of the second full paragraph, and page 21 at the end of the third full paragraph.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate allowable claim 5 including intervening claim 2; similarly, claim 8 has been amended to incorporate allowable claim 12 including intervening claim 9.

New claims 31-42 recite that the coiled section is shaped to reduce stress concentrations. This is supported by page 8, third line from the bottom and is missing from the references. Thus, these claims are patentable. Also, "photolithographically" has been deleted from these claims, as other patterning methods can be used as is well known in the art.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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